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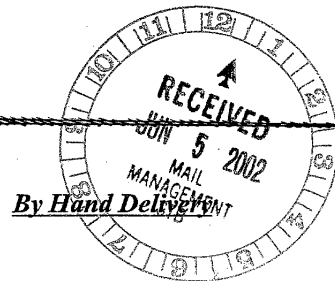
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 9X), Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company  
– Abandonment Exemption – in LaMoure and Barnes Counties, ND

Dear Mr. Williams:

In the above-referenced docket number, Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company ("RRVW") filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F to abandon approximately 32.9 miles of rail line from approximately milepost 27.4 in or near Lucca, ND, to the end of the line at approximately milepost 60.3 in or near Marion, ND, in LaMoure and Barnes Counties (the "Subject Line"). On January 25, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") published the notice in the Federal Register, stating that "Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 26, 2002, unless stayed pending reconsideration." The Board's notice also stated that, "Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), RRVW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line."

To RRVW's knowledge, no formal expression of intent to file an OFA has been filed with the Board, nor has the proceeding been stayed pending reconsideration. As required by Section 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board's order of January 25, 2002, RRVW hereby notifies the Board that, as of May 28, 2002, RRVW has consummated the abandonment, fully exercising the authority granted.

Please feel free to contact our representative with any questions in this matter: Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-1609, (202) 628-2000.

Very truly yours,

William F. Drusch  
President  
Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company

cc: North Dakota Public Service Commission

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